

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims and consideration of the comments which follow in response to the the Official Action of September 20, 2006 and are respectfully requested by Applicants.

Amendments

The claims have been amended to cancel the withdrawn claims (claims 1, 2, and 6-9). No new matter has been added.

Claims 3-5, 10, and 11 remain pending.

Double patenting

The Examiner has rejected claim 10 and 11 for nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 47 of US 6,653,456.


Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection, and they respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration.

Allowable claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3-5 are free of the prior art and are allowable.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this Reply and Terminal Disclaimer to Deposit Account No. 02-2958. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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